

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 through 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (new): A cooking apparatus capable of supplying steam to a heating chamber with an object to be heated stored therein, comprising:

a heating chamber interior heater, for heating the interior of the heating chamber;

a steam supplier, supplying steam into the heating chamber;

a heating chamber temperature detector, detecting the temperature of the interior of the heating chamber; and

a control part, controlling the heating chamber interior temperature detector and the steam supplier;

wherein the control part, based on the temperature detected by the heating chamber interior temperature detector, controls the heating chamber interior heater and the steam supplier to thereby be able to maintain the heating chamber interior temperature at a given heat retaining temperature suitable for keeping the object to be heated warm.

Claim 6 (new): The cooking apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein, while measuring the temperature of the interior of the heating chamber or the temperature of the object to be heated, the control part controls the heating chamber interior heater and the steam supplier to thereby keep the object to be heated warm.

Claim 7 (new): The cooking apparatus as set forth in Claim 1, wherein, up to a given time, the control is executed while giving priority to the state of the object to be heated and, after then, the control is executed while giving priority to a heat retaining time.

Claim 8 (new): The cooking apparatus as set forth in Claim 3, wherein, after passage of the given time, information is given using an informer.